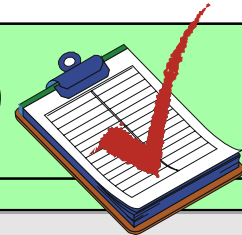


# CHS CHECKUP



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### HB 843 Commission Meets

The Kentucky Commission on Services and Supports for Individuals with Mental Illness, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Disorders, and Dual Diagnosis will meet Thursday, Oct. 26, noon - 4:30 p.m. in the Salato Wildlife Center at the Game Farm in Frankfort.

The Commission was created as a result of House Bill 843, which focuses on addressing the needs of individuals with mental health, substance abuse, and other disorders which occur at the same time. The work of the commission will guide future efforts related to program development, funding, and how state resources are used.



TIP OF  
THE  
WEEK

Colds are so common that it is very difficult to avoid catching them. The best method of prevention is to avoid infected people as much as possible. Hand washing after touching surfaces in public places, such as door handles, toilets and telephones, may help. Infected people should cover their mouths when they sneeze to prevent the spread of cold germs to others.

## KECC Book Sales This Week

The Cabinet for Health Services' annual Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign Book Sale is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 25, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** in the back lobby of the CHR building.

In the CHR Building, please bring all donated books to the 5th Floor and leave them with Dave Johnstone in the Office of Counsel (5W-B), Cindy Adkins, in the Secretary's Office (5W-A), Vonda

Wallace in Medicaid (6W-A) or Deanna Perkins in OIG (5E-B).

In the Health Services Building, please leave books with Rose Hooks in the Public Health Commissioners Office (HS1GW-A). In Fair Oaks, please leave books with Krissy Hall in Substance Abuse (4E-D).

MHMR will also have a KECC book sale on **Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.** in the first floor main lobby at 100 Fair Oaks. ✓

## Planning Grant To Help MHMR

The Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services has received a \$99,165 planning grant to develop continuous monitoring of community-based services by measuring individual and system-wide outcomes. The funding came from the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS).

Kentucky was one of seven states selected from 23 which applied to receive a grant funded by CHCS under The Robert Wood Johnson

Foundation's Medicaid Managed Care Program.

The grant will help MH/MR and the Kentucky Commission of Services and Supports for Individuals with Mental Retardation and Other Developmental Disabilities, created under HB 144, provide more services to the disabled population in Kentucky.

The commission meets Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. in the Large Conference Room (A&B) on the fourth floor of 100 Fair Oaks. ✓

## 5th Floor Renovation Work Underway

Renovation work has started on the 5th floor of the CHR Building and is scheduled to be completed by the end of October. The main hallway to 5th Floor-West has been closed during the renovation.

Staff is asked to use the 5th Floor West stairwell or freight elevator. Instructions have been placed on

the outside of the freight elevator. You may also exit through the Secretary's office if necessary.

If there is an emergency and you need to use the central lobby elevators to evacuate, you may exit through the area being renovated. A floor monitor will open up this area to allow for evacuation. ✓